while rejecting the remaining cases. Pension has since been sanctioned in about 4650 cases and the remaining cases recommended by the Committee recently are being processed.

As regards category (iii), 1265 applications were received in time, out of which 246 applications have been rejected, while pension has been sanctioned in 12 cases. The remaining cases are being processed in consultation with the State Governments concerned and the Non-Official Committee set up for the purpose,

Every effort is being made to finalise the pending cases expeditiously.

Apartheid Policy of South Africa

*207. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government during the past six months to dissuade the U.K., U.S.A. and other countries from continuing their economic and trade relations with South Africa, with a view to pressurising the latter into giving up the policy of Apartheid;

(b) what has been the response of those countries thereto; and

(c) what other steps are being taken by Government to see that South African white minority Government gives up its Apartheid Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Government have been consistently advocating and representing directly to all Governments maintaining trade and economic relations with South Africa the need to enforce comprehensive mandotory sanctions against that country as the only effective means to secure the dismentlement of the abhorrent system of apartheid. While there has been no encouraging response from the Governments concerned during the last six months Government continue with their efforts including under the aegis of the AFRICA Fund to mobilise public opinion in these countries and elsewhere in support of the global campaign against apartheid.

Social Forestry in M.P.

*208. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of progress made in regard to social forestry in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Central Government have provided any financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh Government to achieve the objectives of social forestry in that state; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Achievement in Social Forestry in M.P. in the recent past is as follows:

Period/Year	Physical Achievement (Approx.Ha.)
VI Plan (1980—85)	421651
1985-86	125778
1986-87	146010